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<b>SUBJECT: CORPORAL PUNISHMENT</b>		

- I. AUTHORITY.** The authority of The Board of Correction and Community Punishment to promulgate this regulation is confirmed in Acts 548 and 549 of 1993, Regular Session (Ark. Code Ann. §§16-93-1203 and 12-27-105 of 1993).
- II. PURPOSE.** To establish humane standards of care and professional correctional staff practices when dealing with offenders.
- III. APPLICABILITY.** To all department employees, including contracted individuals and volunteers.
- IV. POLICY.** It is the policy of the Board of Correction and Community Punishment that the use of corporal punishment is contrary to humane standards of care and professional correctional practices and as such is absolutely prohibited by an employee of the Department of Community Punishment.

This regulation in no way prohibits a staff member from using that force necessary to protect himself from injury; to prevent injury to other employees or offenders; or to prevent property damage or escape.

**V. DEFINITIONS.**

- A. CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.** Is defined as the striking, pushing or shoving of an individual for the purpose of causing pain or discomfort; the improper use of chemicals in any form; violence of any nature; the use of profane or abusive language or racial slurs directed toward the resident; or any measure which may be injurious to an individual.
- B. OFFENDERS.** Individuals in the care and custody or under the supervision or jurisdiction of the Department of Community Punishment.